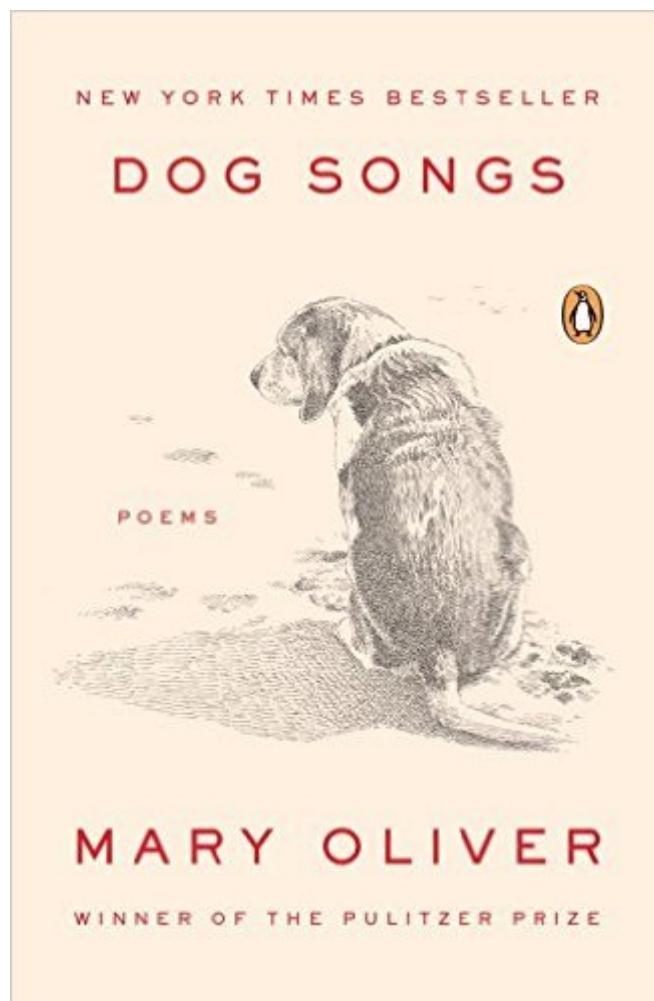


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I purchased this volume of poems DOG SONGS after hearing Mary Oliver interviewed on NPR. The collection is small, consisting of about 35 poems, some of which have been published in previous editions of Ms. Oliver's poetry, accompanied by beautiful drawings of what I assume are of the many dogs that have enriched this Pulitzer-prize-winning poet 's life over the years. The poems are warm, moving and sometimes sad and cover every aspect of a dog's stay on this earth-- which the poet acknowledges is too short-- from his beginnings ("How It Begins"), to the joy that he brings to those who know him ("Little Dog's Rhapsody in the Night"), to his just being a dog (Percy), to her death ("Her Grave"). Ms. Oliver obviously loves dogs as much as anyone can as every page in this

book bears witness. She takes her dog to the poetry class she teaches, making sure she has that requirement in her contract ("The Poetry Teacher"); she has cancelled trips ("Conversations") because of a beloved dog:I had to go away for a few days so I calledthe kennel and made an appointment. I guessBear overheard the conversation."Love and company," said Bear, "are the adornmentsthat change everything. I know they'll benice to me, but I'll be sad, sad, sad."And pitifully he wrung his paws.I cancelled the trip.And Ms. Oliver writes again and again of her wish that dogs could run free as she expresses so eloquently in "If You Are Holding This Book":You may not agree, you may not care, butif you are holding this book you should knowthat of all the sights I love in this world--and there are plenty--very near the top ofthe list is this one: dogs without leashes.

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